IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier

listings and all earlier versions.

1.   (Currently Amended) ~~A method of processing at least part of a data set~~

~~of multimedia input information, the data set comprising at least one of video data, still-image~~

~~data, and audio data, the method comprising the steps of:~~

~~determining first meta-data from at least one of (a) the data set, and (b)~~

~~second meta-data associated with the at least one data set;~~

~~determining, depending upon the first meta-data, a set of instructions~~

~~from a template; and~~

~~applying the instructions to the data set to produce processed output data~~

A method according to claim 26, wherein:

the multimedia content is a data set comprising at least one of video

data, still-image data and audio data;

the attribute characterizing the multimedia content comprises first

meta-data derived from the data set and possibly further derived from second meta-data

associated with the at least one data set;

the operating step comprises determining, depending upon the first

meta-data, a set of instructions from the pre-defined template; and

the applying step comprises applying the instructions to the data set to

produce processed output data.

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2.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the step

of determining the first meta-data includes the sub-steps of:

receiving information from a user dependent upon a user perception of

at least one of the input data set, and the processed output data; and

incorporating the user information into the first meta-data.

3.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the

instructions comprise a temporal mapping process and the applying step comprises:

applying the temporal mapping process to the data set to produce

modified temporally structured processed output data.

4.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the

instructions comprise a temporal mapping process and an effects mapping process, and

wherein the applying step comprises the sub-steps of:

applying the temporal mapping process to the data set to produce

modified temporally structured data; and

applying the effects mapping process to the modified temporally

structured data to produce the processed output data.

5.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the data

comprises a live capture data set segment.

6.   (Canceled).

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7.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the template is constructed using heuristic incorporation of experiential information of an expert.

8. - 10.   (Canceled).

11.   (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus for processing at least part of a data set of multi-media input information, the data set comprising at least one of video data, still-image data, and audio data, the apparatus comprising:~~

~~capture means adapted to capture the data set;~~

~~first determining means for determining first meta-data from at least one of (a) the data set, and (b) second meta-data associated with the at least one data set;~~

~~second determining means for determining, depending upon the first meta-data, a set of instructions from a template; and~~

~~application means for applying the instructions to the data set to produce processed output data, wherein said first and second determination means and said application means are housed on board the capture means~~ An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein:

the multimedia content is a data set comprising at least one of video data, still-image data and audio data;

the attribute characterizing the multimedia content comprises first meta-data derived from the data set and possibly further derived from second meta-data associated with the at least one data set;

the operating means are adapted to determine, depending upon the first meta-data, a set of instructions from the pre-defined template; and

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the application means are adapted to apply the instructions to the data

set to produce processed output data.

12.   (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus for processing at least part of a data~~

~~set of multi-media input information, the data set comprising at least one of video data, still-~~

~~image data, and audio data, the apparatus comprising:~~

~~capture means adapted to capture the data set;~~

~~first determining means for determining first meta-data from at least one~~

~~of said (a) the data set, and (b) second meta-data associated with the at least one data set;~~

~~second determining means for determining, depending upon the first~~

~~meta-data, a set of instructions from a template; and~~

~~application means for applying the instructions to the data set to produce~~

~~processed output data, wherein said first and second determination means and said application~~

~~means are distributed between the capture means and an off-board processor~~

An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein:

the multimedia content is a data set comprising at least one of video

data, still-image data and audio data;

the attribute characterizing the multimedia content comprises first

meta-data derived from the data set and possibly further derived from second meta-data

associated with the at least one data set;

the operating means are adapted to determine, depending upon the first

meta-data, a set of instructions from the pre-defined template; and

the application means are adapted to apply the instructions to the data

set to produce processed output data.

13.   (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the

template includes one or more of rules and references heuristically based upon experience of

an expert.

14.   (Canceled).

15.   (Currently Amended) A computer readable memory medium storing a

program for apparatus which processes at least part of a data set of multi-media input

information, the data set comprising at least one of video data, still-image data, and audio data,

the program comprising:

        code for a first determining step, of determining first meta-data from

at least one of (a) the data set, and (b) second meta-data associated with the at least one data

set;

        code for a second determining step, of determining, depending upon the

first meta-data, a set of instructions from a template; and

        code for an applying step, of applying the instructions to the data set to

produce processed output data A computer readable memory medium according to claim 29,

wherein:

        the multimedia content is a data set comprising at least one of video

data, still-image data and audio data;

the attribute characterizing the multimedia content comprises first
meta-data derived from the data set and possibly further derived from second meta-data
associated with the at least one data set;

the code for operating comprises code for determining, depending upon
the first meta-data, a set of instructions from the pre-defined template; and

the code for applying comprises code for applying the instructions to
the data set to produce processed output data.

16.   (Canceled).

17.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the step
of determining the set of instructions comprises the sub-steps of:

constructing, using the template and the first meta-data, a series of
directions which refer to at least one of (a) segments of the at least one data set, (b) segments
of the template, and (c) other information; and

resolving the references thereby to compile the directions into the set
of instructions.

18.   (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the
second determining means comprise:

means for constructing, using the template and the first meta-data, a
series of directions which refer to at least one of (a) segments of the at least one data set,
(b) segments of the template, and (c) other information; and

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means for resolving the references thereby to compile the directions into the set of instructions.

19.   (Previously Presented) A computer readable memory medium according to claim 15, wherein the code for the second determining step comprises:

code for constructing, using the template and the first meta-data, a series of directions which refer to at least one of (a) segments of the at least one data set, (b) segments of the template, and (c) other information; and

code for resolving the references thereby to compile the directions into the set of instructions.

20.   (Currently Amended) ~~A method of processing at least part of a data set of multi-media input content comprising at least one of video content, still-image content, and audio content, the method comprising the steps of:~~

~~determining meta-data for the input content;~~

~~determining, depending upon the meta-data, at least one of a temporal mapping process, and an effects mapping process from a template; and~~

~~applying the at least one of a temporal mapping process and the effects mapping process to said at least part of the data set to produce processed output content~~ A method of editing multimedia content, the method comprising the steps of:

deriving an attribute characterizing a duration of the multimedia content from meta-data of the multimedia content;

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operating upon the attribute using a pre-defined template to establish

an editing process, said editing process including a temporal mapping process and an effects

mapping process, said operating step determining the temporal mapping process in accordance

with the attribute; and

applying the editing process to the multimedia content to thereby edit

the multimedia content.

21. - 23.   (Canceled).

24.   (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 20, wherein the

applying step comprises sub-steps of:

first applying the temporal mapping process to said at least part of the

data set to produce modified temporally structured data; and

second applying the effects mapping process to the modified temporally

structured data to produce the processed output content A method according to claim 20,

wherein the applying step comprises sub steps of:

first applying the temporal mapping process to the multimedia content

to produce modified temporally structured data, and

second applying the effects mapping process to modified temporally

structured data to produce the processed output content.

25.   (Canceled).

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26.   (New) A computer-based method of editing multimedia content, the method comprising the steps of:

deriving an attribute characterizing the multimedia content;

operating upon the attribute using a pre-defined template to establish a computer-based editing process; and

applying the computer-based editing process to the multimedia content, thereby to edit the multimedia content.

27.   (New) A computer-based apparatus for editing multimedia content, the apparatus comprising:

capture means for capturing the multimedia content;

deriving means for deriving an attribute characterizing the multimedia content;

operating means for operating upon the attribute using a pre-defined template to establish a computer-based editing process; and

application means for applying the computer-based editing process to the multimedia content, thereby to edit the multimedia content, wherein the deriving means, the operating means and the application means are housed on board the capture means.

28.   (New) A computer based apparatus for editing multimedia content, the apparatus comprising:

capture means for capturing the multimedia content;

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deriving means for deriving an attribute characterizing the multimedia

content;

operating means for operating upon the attribute using a pre-defined

template to establish a computer-based editing process; and

application means for applying the computer-based editing process to

the multimedia content, thereby to edit the multimedia content, wherein the deriving means,

the operating means and the application means are distributed between the capture means and

an off-board processor.

29.   (New) A computer readable memory medium for storing a program for

apparatus for editing multimedia content, the program comprising:

code for deriving an attribute characterizing the multimedia content;

code for operating upon the attribute using a pre-defined template to

establish a computer-based editing process; and

code for applying the computer-based editing process to the multimedia

content, thereby to edit the multimedia content.

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